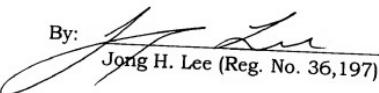


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| <br><b>REQUEST FOR EXTENSION<br/>OF TIME PURSUANT TO<br/>37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)</b>   |  | <b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE<br/>PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b> |                             |
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|   |  | Inventor:<br><b>Volker BECKER et al.</b>                           |                             |
| <small>Art Unit<br/><b>1746</b></small>   |  |  |                             |
| Invention Title<br><b>METHOD FOR PROCESSING SILICON<br/>BY ETCHING PROCESSES</b>  |  |  |                             |
| <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on Date: March 27, 2002 Reg. No. 36,197</p> <p>Signature: <br/> <b>Jong H. Lee</b></p>   |  |  |                             |
| <p>Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the office action dated December 21, 2001, for which a response period expiring on March 21, 2002 was set. The extended period expires on April 21, 2002.</p>   |  |  |                             |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 extension fee of <b>\$110.00</b> to the Deposit Account of <b>Kenyon &amp; Kenyon</b>, Deposit Account number <b>11-0600</b>. The office is also authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit overpayments, associated with this paper to Deposit Account <b>11-0600</b>.</li> <li>2. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.</li> </ol> |  |  |                             |
| <p>Dated: March 27, 2002</p> <p>By: <br/> <b>Jong H. Lee (Reg. No. 36,197)</b></p>  |  |  |                             |
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